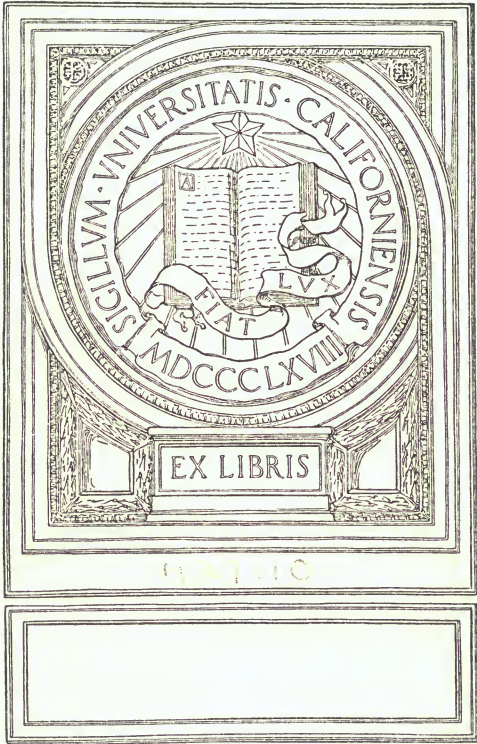


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Now the new Rubber rousing  
[new Desires,  
The Thoughtful Soul to Doub=  
[ling Hearts aspires.  
=When the Red Hand of  
[Dummy is laid down,  
And even Hope of the Odd  
[Trick expires!







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Ah, make the Most of what  
    [We yet may Take,  
Before we lose the Lead, and  
    [let Them make  
=Trick after Trick! While  
    [we throw down High Cards,  
Sans Lead, sans Score, sans  
    [Honor, and sans Stake!





Mag Wilson Boston 09.

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A Book of Bridge Rules un=  
[derneath the Bough,  
A Score Card, Two new Packs  
[of Cards, and Thou  
=With Two Good Players sit=  
[ting opposite,  
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise  
[enow!





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The Card no Question makes  
  [of ayes or noes,  
But High or Low, as suits the  
  [Player shows ;  
=But he who Stands Beside  
  [you, Looking On,—  
He knows about it all! He  
  [Knows!! *He Knows!!!*





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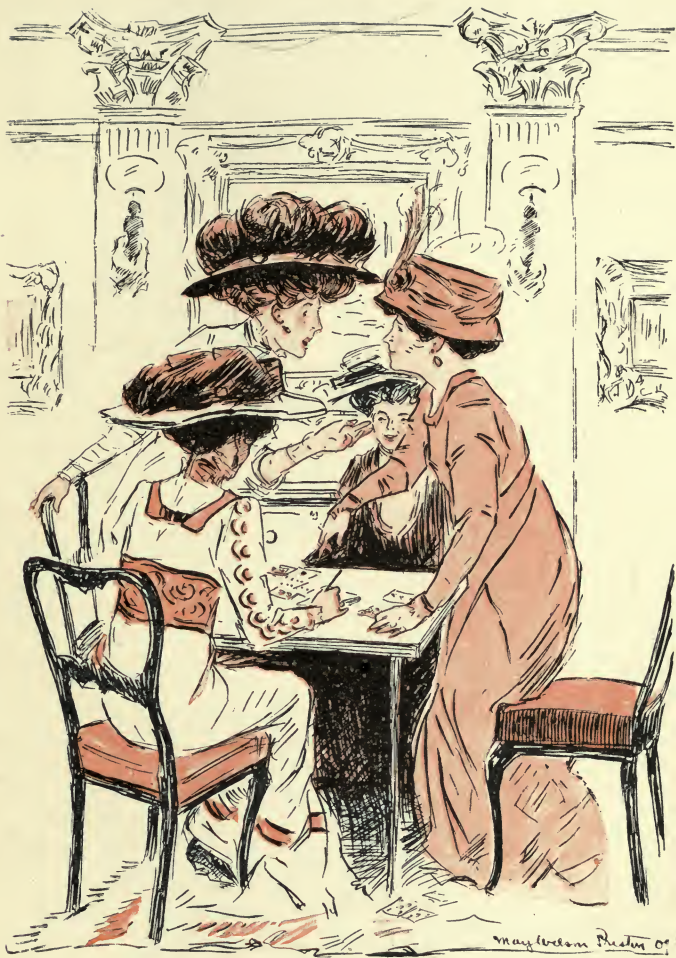
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I sometimes think there's never  
[such Tirade  
As where some Bridge Game  
[has been badly Played.  
=When Some One thinks you  
[should have made no Trump,  
And you have thriftily declared  
[a Spade!







May Lovell Pictor O.

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Myself, when Young, did ea=  
[gerly Frequent  
Bridge Tournaments, and heard  
[Great Argument  
=About this Point and That.  
[Yet, after all,  
Came out no Better Player  
[than I went.

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Why, if a Soul can fling the  
[Rules aside,  
And let his Card=Sense be his  
[Only Guide,  
=Were't not a Shame, were't  
[not a Shame for him  
By Street and Elwell tamely  
[to abide?





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And if the Card you hope=  
[fully Finesse  
Capture the Trick,—your Part=  
[ner Smiles! Oh yes!  
=And you smile Broadly! But,  
[if it be Caught  
By the Fourth Hand,—your  
[Smiles are somewhat Less!







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But if in Vain down on the  
  [Stubborn Score  
You gaze; and make it No  
  [Trumps, just once more,—  
=With Strength in Every Suit,  
  [but with No Ace,—  
How then, — when Dummy  
  [calmly Lays down Four!





May Wilson 09

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To Them the Heart Convention

[did I show,

And with Mine Own Hand

[tried to make it go.

=But this is all the Wisdom

[that I reaped,—

“With more than Three Hearts,

[always lead the Low!”





Magdalena 09.

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For, Trump or No = Trump,  
[though with all the Rules,  
Of different Masters and of  
[different Schools,  
=I've played with Players of  
[all Sorts,—but I  
Have never beaten anything,—  
[but Fools!





Marg Wilson Preston 09







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Alas, how Subtle Bridge al=  
[luring Woos!

And robs me of my Nightly  
[Beauty=Snooze.

=I often Wonder what Bridge  
[Players gain

One=half so Precious as the  
[Sleep they Lose.





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Oh, Threats of Loss, and  
[Hopes of Golden Store,  
One thing in Bridge is Cer=  
[tain,—'tis not Lore!  
=One thing is Certain, and  
[the Rest is Chance:  
The Hand that holds the  
[Cards will win the Score!





May Wason Christy 09.

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Some for the Gain of Penny  
[Points, and Some  
Sigh for the Lovely Prizes yet  
[to come.

=Oh, take the Prize and let  
[the Pennies go,  
Nor heed the winning of a  
[Paltry Sum.





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When You and I our Last  
[Bridge Game have played,  
The Games will go right on  
[by Those who've Stayed,  
=Who of Our Coming and  
[Departure heed  
As the Heart Ace should heed  
[a little Spade.







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We are no other than a Mov=  
[ing Row  
Of Magic Dummy Hands that  
[Come and Go.  
=Played to the Last Trump  
[by the Hand of Fate,  
By whom our Hearts are  
[Shuffled To and Fro.





Mary Wilson Preston 09.





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